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1822/1835-1855

801-835 Light St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and semi-public access

The four large three story high, three bay wide brick commercial/residential buildings with shed roofs and bracketed cornices extending from 801 to 807 Light St. represent post-Civil War enlargements and remodelings of the original three story, gable-roofed houses that were built at this location in the 1840's. All of the buildings currently have modern first floor storefront areas, though 803-807 Light St. are now vacant and awaiting renovation. The Romanesque Revival style church building at 811 Light St. was built in the early 1850's for the local Presbyterian congregation and still serves as the Light St. Presbyterian church. The original brick facade has been covered with formstone but the brickwork can still be seen along both sides of the nave. 819 Light St., currently a three story, three bay brick building with shed roof and bracketed cornice and first floor storefront area, was built in 1822 by Charles Reeder, the owner of a steam engine manufactory located at the foot of Federal Hill. The house as Reeder built it for his own use was a two and a half story Federal style house much like its neighbors at 821-823 Light St., built somewhat later by Reeder for his children. A row of three story, two bay wide brick houses extends from 825-833 Light St. All originally had gable roofs, as 829-833 Light St. still do, but 825-827 Light St. have been remodeled with the front section of the roof being rebuilt as a shed roof and a bracketed cornice added. All of the first floor door and window openings of this group of houses, built in 1845-1850, have round arched lintels, a fairly uncommon feature in the area. The three story, three bay wide brick house at 835 Light St. also originally had a gable roof, but has since been remodeled with a shed roof and bracketed cornice.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

Light St. Presbyterian Church

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

311 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This Romanesque-Revival style brick church with central tower was built in the 1850's. Its facade has been covered with formstone but the original brickwork still remains on its sides and rear.

The building is about 65' wide and occupies a lot 123' deep. The church is three bays wide, with a central tower with four-sided gable roof. The main structure is five bays deep under a steeply pitched gable roof. Square, projecting brick piers mark each bay both on the facade and on the sides of the church. These piers terminate in tiny, gabled, slate-roofed towers. Each bay is marked by a set of double arched windows with common arch lintels and stone sills. Along the sides of the church each bay also has a regular window with splayed brick lintel and stone sill set at the first floor level.

The central tower is flanked by projecting piers (now covered with formstone) which rise to the beginning of the four-sided, gabled roof. The central, round arched doorway has a set of paneled double doors. There is a rose window in the tower above. The cornice line of both the main facade, the four sides of the tower, and the side facades is marked by a deep crenellated pattern. On the facade it is interpreted in formstone, on the side of the tower in stone, and on the sides of the nave in brick. Decorative details are executed in slate--the gabled roofs of the small towers capping the piers, the gabled edges of the central tower, the sills of the double-arched windows, the tracery of the rose window, and the stepped-back areas of the facade piers.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1854-55

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is important as representing the first Presbyterian congregation to be established in the Federal Hill area. The church has served the community continuously since its opening. Although the facade has been covered with formstone a good idea of the original appearance of the church can be gained from the side facades, which still show the original brickwork.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION	DATE
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CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Ruxton	Maryland 21204

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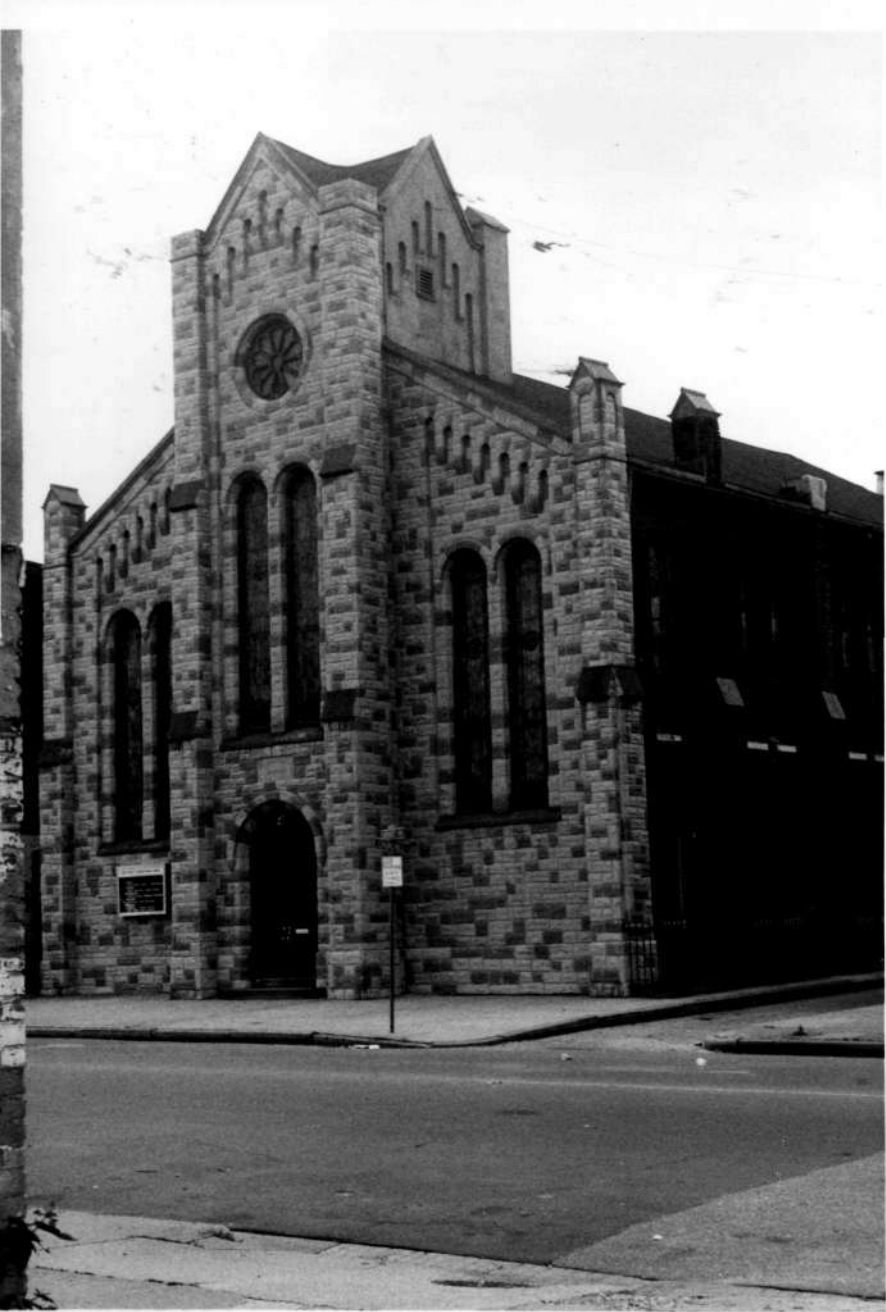
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Light Street Presbyterian Church  
811 Light Street  
Block 0906 Lot 031  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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811 Light St.

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West elevation